

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Original claims 1-23 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 24-42 have been added to more particularly point out and distinctly claim what Applicants regard as their invention and cure improper multiple dependency of claims. No new matter has been added. The new claims are supported in the original claims and in the application as follows:

Claim No.	Support
24	Claim 1 and Page 3, lines 8-11
25	Claim 2
26	Claim 3
27	Claim 4
28	Claim 5 and Page 8, lines 37-38
29	Claim 6
30	Claim 8
31	Claim 9
32	Claim 10
33	Claim 11
34	Claim 12
35	Claim 13 and Page 3, lines 25-29
36	Page 16, lines 12-13
37	Page 16, lines 13-19
38	Claim 18
39	Claim 19
40	Page 16, lines 28-34
41	Claim 20
42	Claim 21
43	Claim 22
44	Claim 23

II. Conclusion

Applicants await action on the merits. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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